

Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System and Bureau of Land Management Lands. The Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and many State agencies with fire protection responsibilities have undertaken a very ambitious and expensive forest fuels reduction program. The Forest Service (FS) and university researchers will contact recipients of a phone/mail questionnaire to help forest and fire managers understand value trade-offs regarding fire hazard reduction programs in the wildland-urban interface.

Need and Use of the Information: Through the questionnaire, researchers will evaluate the responses of Florida residents to different scenarios related to fire hazard reduction programs, how residents think the programs presented to them are effective, and calculate how much residents would be willing to pay to implement the alternatives. The collected information will help researchers provide better information to natural resources, forest, and fire managers when they are contemplating the kind and type of fire hazard reduction program to implement to achieve forest land management planning objectives. Without the information the agencies with fire protection responsibilities will lack the capability to evaluate the general public understanding of proposed fuels reduction projects and programs or their willingness to pay for implementing such programs.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (One time only).

Total Burden Hours: 317.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21).

DATES: The meeting dates are August 26, 2008, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and August 27, 2008, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Waugh Auditorium, USDA Economic Research Service, Third Floor, South Tower, 1800 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Schechtman, Telephone (202) 720-3817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The twentieth meeting of the AC21 has been scheduled for August 26-27, 2008. The AC21 consists of members representing the biotechnology industry, farmers, commodity processors and shippers, livestock handlers, environmental and consumer groups, and academic researchers. In addition, representatives from the Departments of Commerce, Health and Human Services, and State, and the Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture serve as "ex officio" members. At this meeting, the committee will continue its consideration of governance issues in the oversight of genetically engineered animals, with an emphasis on food animals intended for food or non-food uses. Background information regarding the work of the AC21 will be available on the USDA Web site at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?navid=BIOTECH&parentnav=AGRICULTURE&navtype=RT.

Requests to make oral presentations at the meeting may be sent to Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202 B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone (202) 720-3817; Fax (202) 690-4265; e-mail

Michael.schechtman@ars.usda.gov. On August 26, 2008, if time permits, reasonable provision will be made for oral presentations of no more than five minutes each in duration. Written requests to make oral presentations at the meeting must be received by the contact person identified herein at least three business days before the meeting. The meeting will be open to the public, but space is limited. If you would like to attend the meetings, you must register by contacting Ms. Dianne Fowler at

(202) 720-4074, by fax at (202) 720-3191 or by e-mail at Dianne.fowler@ars.usda.gov at least five business days prior to the meeting. Please provide your name, title, business affiliation, address, and telephone and fax numbers when you register. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation due to disability, please indicate those needs at the time of registration.

Dated: July 30, 2008.

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Senior Advisor to the Secretary for International and Homeland Security Affairs and Biotechnology.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Shasta-Trinity National Forest, California; Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Pilgrim Vegetation Management Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to supplement an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Shasta-Trinity National Forest will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SETS) for the Pilgrim Vegetation Management Project to present additional information consistent with the court ruling *Conservation Congress v. Forest Service*, Case No. 07-0264 (E.D. Cal., May 13, 2008). This action will require modification of the current Project Level Management Indicator Assemblage Report for the Pilgrim Vegetation Management Project dated February 15, 2007.

DATES: The draft SETS is expected to be issued in September 2008 and the final SETS expected in November 2008.

ADDRESSES: Shasta-McCloud Management Unit, 204 W. Alma St., Mt. Shasta, California 96067.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deimis Poehlmann, Planning Officer, Shasta-McCloud Management Unit, McCloud Ranger Station, P.O. Box 1620, McCloud, California 96057, telephone (530) 926-9656 or via e-mail at dpoehlmann@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service is proposing to prepare a supplement to the final environmental impact statement for the Pilgrim Vegetation Management Project in